

GRAUSTARK

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14 June 1969

1968G

"Fall 1911"

1968CH

"Fall 1905"

FRANCE JOINS TURCO-ENGLISH PACT

NEW REGIMES TAKE CONTROL IN EAST

Following "Spring 1911"
moves, Russia retreated F Norway-
St.P(n.c.).

ENGLAND (Walker): F Edi-North
Sea; F Yor & F Eng S F Edi-
North Sea; F Cly-Edi; A Gas S
FRENCH A Mar-Bur.

FRANCE (Gemignani): A Mar-Bur;
A Par S A Mar-Bur.

RUSSIA (Prosnitz): A Vie-Tri; A
Tyr S A Vie-Tri; A Gal-Vie; A
War-Gal; A Sev holds; A Ukr &
A Mos S A Sev; F St.P(n.c.)-
Norway; A Swe S F St.P(n.c.)-
Norway; F Bar-Norwegian Sea;
F Don-Ska; F Bel-North Sea;
A Hol-Bel; A Bur S FRENCH A
Par.

TURKEY (Lebling): F Aeg & F Ion
hold; A Arm-Sev; A Rum S A Arm-
Sev; F Bla S A Arm; A Bud S A
Rum; A Ser S A Bud; A Tri S A
Bud; F Ven S A Tri; F Pie S
FRENCH A Mar; F Norway-Bar; F
Norwegian Sea S F Norway-Bar;
F Bre-Pic.

- Underlined moves are not
possible. Russia retreats F Bar-
St.P(n.c.), and either A Bur-Ruh
or A Bur-Mun. The direction of
this retreat should be submitted
with the "Winter 1911" moves,
which may be made conditional on
it. The High Combatant Powers
now control the following supply
centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon, Por,
Spa. (5)

FRANCE: Mar, Par. (2)

RUSSIA: Bel, Ber, Don, Hol, Kie,
Mos, Mun, Nor, St.P., Sev, Swe,
Vie, War. (13)

TURKEY: Ank, Bre, Bud, Bul, Con,
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Russia and Turkey are now be-
ing played by Edi Birsan and David
Lindsay respectively, owing to the
forfeitures of Charles Johnson and
Norman McLeod. Their addresses are
printed in GRAUSTARK #185.

ENGLAND (Linden): F North Sea-Nor-
way; F Norwegian Sea & F Swe S F
North Sea-Norway; A Don S F Swe;
F Bel-Bot; F Ber-Bel; A Kie-Ber.

FRANCE (Berman): A Par holds; A
Ruh-Bur; A Mun-Tyr; A Pic-Ven;
F Tyr-Tus; F Tun-Ion; F Ves-Tyr.

GERMANY (D. Johnston): A Bre holds.

ITALY (White): A Tyr-Pic; A Tus S
A Tyr-Pic; A Ven-Rom; F Ion-Nap.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Kuch): A Vie-Tyr;
A Tri S A Vie-Tyr; A Ser S A Tri;
A Bud-Vie.

RUSSIA (Birsan): A Fin S A Norway;
A War-Mos; F St.P(n.c.) S F Nor-
way; F Norway S Linden's nose to
bleed" (holds); A Sev not or-
dered, holds.

TURKEY (Lindsay): F Bla-Rum; A Bul
S F Bla-Rum; F Aeg-Ion; F Gre S
F Aeg-Ion; A Ank holds.

Underlined moves are not pos-
sible. The High Combatant Powers
now control the following supply
centers:

ENGLAND: Ber, Don, Edi, Hol, Kie,
Liv, Lon, Swe. (8)

FRANCE: Mar, Mun, Par, Por, Bel,
Spa, Tun, Ven. (8)

GERMANY: Bre. (1)

ITALY: Nap, Rom. (2)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Ser, Tri,
Vie. (4)

RUSSIA: Mos, Nor, St.P., Sev, War. (5)
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FRANCO-RUSSIAN ALLIANCE BROKEN

ENGLAND (Grayson): F Den-Kie; F Hel S F Den-Kie; A Pic-Bre; F Eng & F Mid S A Pic-Bre.

FRANCE (Clark): F Mar-Lyo; A Spa holds; A Kie-Ber; A Mun S A Kie-Ber; A Par-Pic; F Bro-Mid.

GERMANY (Reiter): A Hel-Kie.

ITALY (Prosnitz): A Ven S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Tri; F Tun-Tyr; F Ion-Nap.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Birsan): A Tri-Ven.

RUSSIA (Bytwerk): F St.P(n.c.)-Norway; F Bal-Den; A Swe S F Bal-Den; A Mos-St.P; A Ber S F ENCH A Kie; A Sil S A Ber; A Boh-Tyr; A Gal-Bud; F Bla-Sev; A Vie S TURKISH A Alb-Tri.

TURKEY (Ver Floog): A Con-Bul; A Alb-Tri; A Ser S A Alb-Tri; F Eas-Ion; F Gre & F Aeg S F Eas-Ion; F Nap-Rom.

Underlined moves are not possible. The last Austro-Hungarian army is annihilated. France retreats F Bre-Gas, A Kie-Ruh. The deadline for "Fall 1905" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 28 JUNE 1969.

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"Spring 1905"

NEW TSAR, BUT NO OLD KAISER

Following Harry Manogg's default, Jim Sanders replaces him as Russia.

FRANCE (Ward): A Bre-Gas; F Mid-Spa(s.c.); A Por S F Mid-Spa(s.c.); F Iri S GERMAN F Eng-Mid.

GERMANY (H. Anderson): No moves received. F Norwegian Sea, F Wal, F Eng, A Bur, A Ber, A Mun, A Sil hold.

ITALY (Comber): A Mar-Bur; F Spa(s.c.) holds; F Tyr-Wes; A Ven-Pic; A Rom-Ven; A Boh F A Bud S TURKISH A Rum-Gal; A Tyr S A Boh.

RUSSIA (Sanders): F Edi-North Sea; A Gal-War; A Ukr holds; A Mos S A Ukr.

TURKEY (Beshara): F North Africa S ITALIAN F Tyr-Wes; F Lyo S ITALIAN F Spa(s.c.); A Rum-Gal; A Vie S A Rum-Gal.

Underlined moves are not possible. The new first stand-by, Edi Birsan, is asked to send in "Fall 1905" moves for Germany. If no moves are received from Anderson, Birsan will replace him. Jim Sanders is moving, and will not know his new address for a while. In case he misses a "Fall 1905" move as Russia, someone should volunteer such moves. These volunteers will be taken on as new stand-by players in the order that their moves are received. The deadline for "Fall 1905" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 28 JUNE 1969. Press releases are on p. 5.

THE ADVENTURES OF SECRET AGENT O-O-HATE

Chapter LXXIV

Secret Agent O-O-Hate, having thwarted the plans of Fyu Hen Kan Chu to organize spies into a union, returned in haste to the meetings of the convention of the Tarpaia Society, the international brotherhood of spies, secret agents, saboteurs, and war propagandists to which he belonged. Unfortunately, he entered the meeting hall just as the last speaker was concluding his remarks, which were drowned out by the noise of a civil war between two factions competing for the rule of their host country, the Prince-Bishopric (or maybe Socialist Republic) of Siunik.

Eager for information about the meeting, O-O-Hate (who in private life is Clark Gansel, mild-mannered comic book collector of Bugle, Pennsylvania) sought out his colleague, Sir Harley Davidson of Canadian Intelligence. He found Sir Harley in the bar of the Hotel St. (formerly "Hotel St. George"), drinking a potheen-and-soda.

"This is a surprise!" Sir Harley greeted him. "Where have you and your faithful teen-age assistant Burner been during the convention?"

"Failing the plans of the Sinister Forces of World Peace. Were there any interesting papers presented at the convention?"

"There was an extremely interesting discussion between Henry Kissacorpse of Washington and Adolf H. Incognito of Argentina, concerning whether love of war is a universal characteristic of humankind, or limited only to the Nordic races."

"How did it come out?"

"Kissacorpse shot Incognito just as he was beginning his rebuttal."

"A conclusive refutation! I only wish we could settle matters at home as easily. But now that it's time to go home, would you like to share a cab back to the airport?"

"Sure. My teen-age assistant Alberta is upstairs packing now."

O-O-Hate and Sir Harley walked upstairs to the latter's room, since the elevators were hit by a general strike, and Siunik was in the midst of a civil war between the True Faith of the Sacred Pussy and the Anarchist Solidarity Front. But, at the door of Sir Harley's room, the native caution of the two agents asserted itself. From within the room they could hear the muted voices of Alberta and Burner, who is really Victor Charlie Burner, student at the Blessed Balthazar Gerard Theological Seminary.

"Would you rather be on top, or shall I?" Alberta said.

"Whatever you like," Burner replied. "All American heroes have to take the Calibacy Oath along with the Loyalty Oath, so I'm rather inexperienced."

"You're almost as bad as the Quebecois," Alberta giggled. "Well, everything is all spread out and ready whenever you are."

((Is Burner betraying the fight for the American Way of War? What subversive activities are going on in that Siunik hotel room? Will the contagion spread to other teen-age heroes such as Robin and Spiderman? Or is there some innocent explanation for these horrendous words? Follow the adventures of Secret Agent O-O-Hate and Burner in the next issue of GRAUSTARK.))

THE DIPLOMATIC TOUCH

WILL LINDEN, 83-33 Austin St., Kew Gardens, N. Y. 11415: After rummaging through Union Square basements, collaring and interrogating manifold suspicious characters, and calling up the ghost of Canton (who objected violently) I can lay the Malory controversy to rest. You see, Thomas Malory was not Thomas Malory! The Book of Kyng Arthure was really written by a poor clerk of Oxenford named Blake. Rumors to the contrary were disseminated by the Sinister Interstellar Conspiracy for the Bedevilment of Innocent (?) New Yorkers.

Serious, a thought has struck me during readings on Welsh history. Since

Mordred is associated with Lothian and Ormeau, might not the story echo the breaking-up of an unstable Celtic-Gaelic alliance?

((("Celts - that is to say, a race of spoiled children, the best of acquaintances and the worst of friends." - Fletcher Pratt, Hail Caesar!))

I am now of the opinion that "Cossakia" is someone's mistake for the Don Republic. Compare "Daghestan" and "Mountaineers' Republic".

...The approach of March 17 ((which was still approaching when Lin'en wrote this letter)) reminds me of Mr. Dooley and his discourse, on "The Chinese Minister Wu". This ends, reconstituted from memory ((like the Pratt quote above)):

"And they sit down to play a game which in Washington, Monrosey, is called diplomacy, but which on Randolph Street Viaduct is known as the double dirty."

...Trying to overthrow the U. S. Government is one thing that I cannot remember accusing you of. (I would be instantly howled down, since you have not personally been planting bombs, although by your own reasoning (?) you must be held personally responsible for those who do.) I only said you were a bigoted, illogical fanatic with a one-way mind who cannot tell reason from mudslinging, and automatically refuses to consider anything that does not coincide with his rigid preconceptions could ever possibly have a grain of truth in it. Someone who can not even think consistently does not pose a serious threat to the government, as long as he does not call in the storm troops from Columbia.

((By "storm troops from Columbia" you presumably mean the alumni group whose account of the 1968 disturbances took great care to point out the Jewish background and original family name (Rudnitzky = Rudd) of the demonstration leaders.))

...the founder of the American National liberation front" (WINE) SLAVES! (This is rumored to be the reason that many Negroes are named Washington.)

((There are excellent biological reasons why some Negroes are named "Washington".)) Therefore, by Boardman's Law of the Excluded Middle-of-the-Road, he was utterly and irremediably evil.

I am even more astonished to find you approving Alexander Hamilton, a spiritual ancestor of the Augustan Society. This reactionary monarchist is famous for such remarks as "your people, sir, is a great beast".

Consider what was achieved by the Holy Revolution. The ramshackle Confederation with the states at loggerheads. The exchange of sterling for fourteen sets of incredibly inflated paper currency. ((In only 13 colonies? How'd they manage that?)) One Daniel Shays did not think the Confederation a very desirable state of affairs. This was remedied when the Constitution was drawn up by the likes of Hamilton. (A bourgeois, capitalist document, bitterly opposed by the extremist Patrick Henry.) And as for the English Rebellion, Parliament also persecuted religious (Quakers) and political (Levellers) dissenters.

((I am forced to admire you and George Lincoln Dygert for your consistency. Beginning from a position of opposition to 20th-century Communist and Nationalist rebellions, you proceed with rigorous logic to a position of opposition to the 18th-century American Revolution.))

...I would like to see ((Graves's)) treatment of the Arthurian mythos. Trecco's The Green Man (which, by the way, is far inferior to his Arthurian novel The Great Captains) displays heavy influence by The White Goddess, and I couldn't help thinking that Graves himself could have done a better job of it.

"I'm sick of messages from the front! Why don't we ever get a message from the side?" - Rufus T. Firefly

...Tsk! That is another piece of fine print you forgot to read. "The parties to the South-East Asia collective defense treaty unanimously designate for the purposes of" defense under Article Whatever-it-is "the States of Cambodia and Laos and the free territory under the jurisdiction of the State of Vietnam./Sio/" I am surprised at your ignorance of this since a) This protocol is, as I understand it, the

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PARIS: On being asked how Liverpool could be considered "East" Normandy, Dame Garrigus responded, "The French are a nation of lovers, not geographers."

EDINBURGH: Units of the Russian fleet visiting Scotland send their greetings to the English fleet in Brest, "Quit complaining - you get leave in Paris while we are stuck up here." Also greetings to the Turkish fleet in Tunis: "Take care of that naval base, boys, the Italians just might want it back some time."

SANTA CHOCHA: Juan Valdez, leader of the rebel forces, today invaded this little Latin American town and staged a performance of the off-Broadway and off-clothes play Che! Following the performance, the entire population of Santa Chocha went off with the rebels, leaving behind their clothes and an unfinished coffee harvest.

CALAIS (24 Dec. 1904): The remnants of the once proud English navy presented the citizens here with a magnificent Christmas gift, the remains of the Channel Fleet. Accordingly, it was announced by the Mayor, the greatest scrap iron sale ever held would begin the day after Christmas, and the proceeds would go to the subversive elements in France, Germany, Italy, Russia and Turkey in the hope that total anarchy would prevail.

His Majesty's Government would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have helped us in the many various ways they did to get us in this position, again, thanks fellows!

PARIS: "The government may collapse but the nation will endure." - Georges Pompidou

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Summer changes of address are coming thick and fast now. Peggy Gemignani (1968G) will be reachable c/o Dr. Mike Gemignani, 23 Arlington St., Northampton, Mass. 01060 from 13 June to 1 July. At the latter date she returns to the Ft. Lauderdale address. Dr. George I. Grayson leaves on 27 June to take up a medical post at Ft. Leavenworth, and will henceforth play 1968CI from 621D 13th St. Terrace, Leavenworth, Kans. 66048. John Beshara (1967U) is now in Maine, and until the end of June can be reached c/o Mrs. George H. May, Cape Neddick, Maine, 03902. Jim Sanders will move to California in about a week; his next address will be posted when available.

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"Orwell never fell for the fashionable fund-raising gambit of treating the bombing of poor, defenseless civilians in cities as more outrageous than the slaughter of young men on the front lines. The more civilians bombed, Orwell argued, the less popular would wars become with rear-line jingoists." - Andrew Sarris, Village Voice, 8 May 1969.

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Eugene Prosnitz is very busy these days in that mundane, extra-Diplomatic world that keeps us away from our game so much. He is managing the Brooklyn campaign of Harrison Goldin, one of the candidates for the Democratic nomination for City Comptroller in next Tuesday's primary. Goldin, a running mate of mayoral candidate Herman Badillo, is in my opinion the best candidate for the job, if you accept the idea that the Comptroller's job should be elective in the first place.

As if this weren't enough, he is also involved in an internal dispute in the New York state branch of the American Civil Liberties

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CONSTANTINOPLE (3 Sept. 1904, SPP): For the first time in more than four years of savage European war, our beloved Sultan Yuk today expressed an awareness thereof. This was, it is rumored, primarily attributed to the fact that a sinking Turkish fleet, in casting about for any port in a storm, has somehow stumbled across Naples, about which city the Sultan has heard many rumors, nearly all of them appealing to him. It is, however, the Sultan's impression that true debauchery can only be instituted by truly Yukkish methods, and he has accordingly arranged for only select members of the Italian peasantry to be kept alive. It is then said by reliable sources that the Sultan himself will personally make a visit to Naples in order to inspect the merchandise at close quarters - very close quarters.

CONSTANTINOPLE (5 Sept. 1904, SPP): Turkish concubines today expressed extreme discontent at the Sultan's decision to consort with large numbers of foreign women, and resolved to so weaken him with kindness in his remaining few days in conference that he would be unable to undertake the journey to Naples.

SMYRNA (15 Sept. 1904, SPP): Our honored and beloved Sultan Yuk today embarked on his yacht bound for Naples. Old-time observers wondered, however, at the circumstances, since the Sultan was carried aboard in a litter with but minimal signs of life. Indeed, this observer would have thought him dead were it not for (1) the faintest signs of the intake of breath, (2) the astoundingly wide smile on his face, and (3) his barely audible phrase, mumbled over and over, "I have just begun!" Meanwhile, word was received from Constantinople that 769 positions have recently become available in the Sultan's harem, since the number of concubines expired in the line of duty in the past ten days. They died, apparently, from joy. The Sultan apparently expects to replace them with the Italian women, as vast quantities of yoghurt were seen to be stored aboard the Sultan's yacht.

HYUNDERABAD: In the camp of the rebel leader Pandit the Bandit, leader of the Peristaltic Movement, the former harem girl Gemihuchi expressed her intention to go to Constantinople. "I hear they got 769 positions open," she said. "I know some nifty ones."

Gemihuchi was asked whether this meant she would abandon the rebel cause so soon after joining it. "Well, I mean, really!" she said. "Maharajah Kamasutra IX had 365 harem girls. Now you can just work that out for yourself, if you realize that he isn't getting any younger. So I split. But these rebels are so devoted to their Sacred Cause that - well, without getting personal, I'd just like to say that things are no better here than they were in the harem!"

PARIS: This ancien citadel of western learning, wealth, culture and beauty calls upon all the western world to unite! - against the Mongol hordes who now control half the known world. BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE.

CONSTANTINOPLE (6 Dec. 1904, SPP): Yukkish sources here announced that the Sultan had consented to allow the construction of another army in the palace grounds here in the capital. Since our beloved Sultan has just emerged from an incredibly long term in the conference room, he was not disposed to allow a repeat of the indiscreet acts perpetrated by the last army to pass through. Thus, all new recruits, in the process of their induction physical, are prepared to double, at any time required, as members of the Sultan's own detachment of male at-

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tendants. As soon as it can be arranged, Pope Gene XIV will also be initiated as an auxiliary member (by the loss of HIS auxiliary member) of the force. This will have to wait, **however**, until, as the Sultan puts it, "Our forces of cowardly yellow swine manage to ooze their way into Rome." Encouraged by the most polite reference to the army in years, Turkish forces at the front rallied to the incredible extent of cutting desertions to 86%. Such are the fortunes of war in a peaceful country.

LONDON: King George announces that the English army in Portugal was withdrawn to be presented to the Crown Princess Jennifer as a birthday gift.

1967U - PRESS RELEASE

BERLIN: It has been discovered that Russia is really being ruled by the infidel Turks and so its destruction will not be any loss to the Christian world, but rather a deliverance for her down-trodden people.

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Union. A group within NYCLU believes, strange to say, that the ACLU ought not to get involved in politics! As a supporter of this group Prosnitz is running for delegate from the Brooklyn Chapter Board to NYCLU. The dispute originated out of NYCLU's statements on last year's New York City school strike.

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The last GRAUSTARK included a flier from Chris Wagner announcing a clearance sale of board games. Since this extra page did not increase the weight of that issue above one ounce, GRAUSTARK will from now on have 12 pages to the issue. Careful weighing on a laboratory balance indicates that six pages of paper plus stamps, labels, etc. comes to just under the one-ounce limit. Please let me know if you get nicked for postage due on this issue of GRAUSTARK.

Speaking of postage, we have for the first time received an informed estimate of the cost of President Nixon's plan to revamp the U. S. Post Office as a public corporation. According to Drew Pearson's column in the New York Post of 31 May 1969, Postmaster General Blount estimates that this "reform" would increase the cost of mailing a one-ounce first-class letter to 12 cents!

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Gary Gygas sends a flier announcing the International Federation of Wargaming's Second Annual (Lake) Geneva Convention for the weekend of 23-24 August 1969. It will take place at Horticultural Hall, 330 Broad St., Lake Geneva, Wisc. Registration for both days is \$1.50 now, or \$2.00 at the door. There will be Sunday dinner at a cost of \$2.00. For further information write to William Hoyer, 4658 N. Spaulding Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60625. A trophy will be awarded to the Diplomacy winner.

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No entries have yet come in for the contest "This Land is Whose Land?" announced in GRAUSTARK #185. The winner of this contest, which involves identifying certain fictitious countries taken from novels or Utopian literature, will get a free entry into a new GRAUSTARK game. Ten such countries are listed in #185. The deadline is NOON, SATURDAY 28 JUNE 1969.

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GERMAN FORCES IN PARIS: "Ich liebe Paris in dem Frühling, ich liebe Paris in dem Herbst!"

WASHINGTON: President Pigasus J. Pig today sadly announced the death of Abe Porcus, Justice of the Supreme Snort. "Justice Porcus died of a common occupational disease among Pigs," the President told the press in a press conference at the State Deporkment building in Hoggy Bottom. "He got his snout too deep into the trough, and suffocated."

President Pig announced the appointment of Judge Hambone "Ham" Burger to succeed Justice Porcus. Justice Burger comes to the Supreme Snort from a long career as a district attorney in Los Angeles, where he maintains a perfect record of never having won a case.

WASHINGTON: President Pigasus J. Pig pledged the full support of the Pig Administration to the CBM (Cani-Ballistic Missile) plan, Operation Safe-Lard. "This system is an absolute necessity for the salvation of America from the threat posed by the Grand Duchy and People's Republic of Hernia," he told the House Affairs with Foreigners Committee. "We have less than 22 centuries until the Age of Capricorn, when Hernians believe they will take over the world because the Goat is their emblem. No time can be lost in meeting this horrendous threat."

ERIE, PA. (4 Aug. 1905, Eeben Press): Today fugitive Jeremiah Sant arrived in town and began parading in front of the town hall, screaming "Johnny Rico wears combat armor!" Local Mayor D____d L_____y complains that this is driving him Bughouse. (Go ahead and retaliate, Dave. See how much I care.)

LONDON to ST. PETERSBURG: For what you are about to receive....'

KEW GARDENS: This is sure a comedown from the good old days of '66AE and Princess Svetsoxa. Instead of refuting my claims of American conquest, you just ignore them. Nyaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaah, coward!

WASHINGTON: President Pig, in a speech to a graduating class of the Pig Intelligence Agency, deplored "the tendency to ignore foreign affairs and concentrate on domestic problems". "We don't want to be isolationists, do we?" he asked. Observers interpreted this as a reply to critics who want the government to pay attention to alleged dangerous situations in America.

After the President's speech, the PIA graduates marched off in formations, wrist-radio antennas waving gaily, to overthrow the governments of Peru, Dahomey, Syria, Pakistan, Cambodia, Andorra, and Hernia.

VIENNA: "An ally who fails to send moves is worse than a goat with five ears." - old Hernian proverb.

ROME: The Pope sent invitations to the ruling princes of Austria-Hungary to visit Tyrolia and Venice before the disreputable French tourist horde arrives.

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The Augustan Society wins another one! Three weeks ago Premier Marcello Caetano of Portugal announced that "the political regime of our country is no longer questioned". A few days later a royalist group called "Portuguese Renovation" announced its formation. Portuguese Renovation agrees with the present dictatorship in all significant respects, but several of its leaders are monarchists seeking the restoration of Dom Duarte of Braganza, the pretender to the throne which was overthrown in the 1910 revolution.

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Back issues of GRAUSTARK, some as far back as #44, are available at 10¢ each or 15 for \$1.00. See p. 12 for the address. Write for a list of the available issues.

STONEHENGE (21 March 1911): During Vernal Equinox ceremonies at the restored temple here, Prime Minister Merlin was asked by reporter what his reaction was to the blatherings and other outrages against the King-Emperor's English recently committed by the usurper-Tsar Yevgeniy of (simper!) Russia.

"Well, gentlemen, as you know, our beloved King-Emperor Huon XVIII immediately enstituted ((sic)) a search for this reported King Rodney-Huon, but we are now convinced that Yevgeniy is just having visions, like Boris Godunov. At any rate, His Majesty is supremely convinced that there will be plenty Turks in Moscow, maybe soon! Right now we are preparing a little ceremony to help insure this, with the help of a few thousand sacrific...uh, er, guests from the Russian army in northern Scotland that we interned last year. Hai! Hai! Hai! AaaaaaaaiiiiiiiiiiyyyyyyyyyyyyyyeEEEEEE-eeeeee!!!!"

LONDON (25 Apr. 1911): Sir Mycroft Holmes, M.P., K. G., A. A. T. S., arrived here today after a long and hazardous flight from the inner recesses of (yech) Russia, where he had been serving as a double agent. Playing the part of His Majesty's ambassador to (ooolp) Russia, Sir Mycroft gained the confidence of the Usurper Tsar and was able to steal many war secrets (or "tsihkrets'" in Russian). These he passed to Turkish GHQ by means of a squadron of trained flying squirrels. When the results of this deception became known in the Summer Palace, the Usurper Yevgeniy was simply furious. It is said that he even called god during prime time and bent his ear about "perfidious Albion". Sigh...but I digress. After the discovery of his ruse, Sir Mycroft escaped from Moscow and made his way down the Volga, disguised as a giant sturgeon, to the Caspian Sea. Thence he made a landing in His Majesty's protectorate of Persia, where the Shah, Ptui Khan, aided him in reaching the territories of the Sublime Porte. Asked about future plans, Sir Mycroft, smiling, said, "I'm going to write. I think I'll do some spy stories based on my experiences in Russia. My hro will be secret agent A. Conan Doyle (a quaint name, that), who will be fighting a secret Russian terrorist organization, SMARSH, or SMURSH, or something like that..."

POLLUTIDAR: In an effort to keep up the warlike spirit of the people of the Inner Crust, His Inferial Majesty Honj the Horny has sponsored the presentation of a play, I Am Furious (Crimson). Several touring companies are taking this play around the Empire. The play consists chiefly of acts of warfare, and the bloodshed is designed to stimulate the various peoples of Pollutidar to an even greater degree of military frenzy. This aim has been particularly achieved in the Gyor Cors, where, after seeing the twelfth murder, a horde of Horibs stormed the stage and devoured the entire company of players, six Phelian tourists, and eight of their own number. When informed of this debacle, the Emperoar praised the high fighting spirits of the Horibs, whose reptile-descended cavalrymen have served meritoriously in the occupation of Europe.

Only one unfortunate incident has affected the popularity of I Am Furious (Crimson). One company, performing the play before a rapt audience of Mahars in the underground city of Phutra, was dismayed to see a group of anti-war "Happies" set up their own stage across the street for a rival play. This play had neither title, plot, nor lines; it consisted solely of a series of miscegenations among the drug-crazed members of this anti-war sect. When word got through the audience at I Am Furious (Crimson) that a cave-girl, high on the fumes of burning draft notices, was about to demonstrate an obscene tableau involving herself, a flying man from Caspak, a reptilian Coripi, three Suvian cave-men, and a young dinosaur, the entire audience and half the cast deserted their own play to watch the Happie performance.

LONDON (12 Oct. 1911): Don Juan, the Regent of France, was received in the capital by King-Emperor Huon and Prime Minister Merlin today. Thousands of cheering Englishmen lined the route of the Regent's triumphal passage from Dover to London. A special High Holy Sacrifice of several hundred Russian and Pollutidarean war prisoners was held at Stonehenge in honor of the visiting dignitary. Rumor has it that there will soon be a marriage of state between Don Juan and the King-Emperor's niece, the Countess Flana.

SPITZBERGER: Reports reached Pollutidarean occupation forces here of the asphyxiation of a large crowd of Londoners. Apparently the Britons were standing downwind from a fire in which several Xexot prisoners were burned.

POLLUTIDAR: Minister of Injustice Jaime-Justino de Gerto today asked the Representative Diet of the Empire of Pollutidar for an indictment against Prime Minister Merlin of Granbretan on a charge of Low Treason.

"How can Merlin be guilty of treason?" asked Elab the Talkative One, Minister of Impropropaganda. "He isn't a subject of our Emperoar?"

"Yes, he is, on his father's side," replied Ter-Na, Minister of Religious Affairs. "Our records show that his father was a Mezop-Ganak crossbreed exiled from Anoroc more than half a million sleeps ago. This crossbreed, whose name appears variously in the records as Shay-Tan and as Loos the Furry One, traveled to the Outer Crust despite the fact that, with the red skin of a Mezop and the horns and tail of a Ganak, he must have been very conspicuous there. In Granbretan he begat a son on a woman who must have been regarded as an outcast of no account, since Outer Crust records call her "a None". That son has been positively identified as Merlin!"

Following this report, an indictment for Low Treason was voted unanimously against Merlin. Since, under Pollutidarean law, this is equivalent to trial, conviction, and sentencing, Pollutidarean forces are under instructions to kill him on sight.

Ter-Na later announced that Loos the Furry One is apparently still up to his nefarious activities on the Outer Crust. Reportedly another woman, Roaz the Merry One, has borne him a child.

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Gre, Nap, Rom, Rum, Ser, Smy, Tri, Tun, Ven. (14)

Turkey has one build, and Russia has one removal. The deadline for "Winter 1911" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 28 JUNE 1969, but if they all come in quickly they will be mailed out to the players and a deadline will be set for "Spring 1912" moves.

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TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Rum, Smy. (6)

England, France, and Turkey may each build one unit, and Italy must remove two. The deadline for "Winter 1905" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 28 JUNE 1969.

This game is now without a stand-by player. According to his request, George Schelz (recently eliminated from 1968CL) is named the new stand-by player in 1968CH. His address is 9 Buffington Place, Bronxville, N. Y. 10708.

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THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

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entire rationale for the American presense ((sic)) (and the Thai and Filipino presences, which certain people prefer to forget, and the Australian presence, and the New Zealand presence) in Viet Nam, b) Your comperes have waxed eloquent over "The arbitrary inclusion of Vietnam under the SEATO defense umbrella" blab blab blab.

((The Saigon government is not a signatory to SEATO except insofar as it is a creation of the U. S. government.))

...I would like to know by what reasoning you exclude non-Communists from "the Vietnamese people". Besides the "puppets" in the government of the ARVN, this excludes many Buddhists (Especially the Hoa Hao, whose founder was killed by the noble Communists) and the Cao Daiists. Of course, this fits with your denial of the Chinese nationality of the Kuomintang. Where did you get this power to denationalize anyone whose political views you don't like.

You and Walker seem to be competing to produce the biggest reduction ad absurdum. First Walker: If Spain were really "owned" by those men in Washington, Don Francisco would have been retired long ago; he would not be allowed to embarrass us by giving a certain professor (among others) to charge us with supporting Fascists regimes. ((What?))

"They can have as many constitutions, revolutions, and regimes as they wish..." This indicates the viewpoint that coups and revolutions are organized merely for the diversion of the "children". To which I say, horsefeathers!

Finally, on Biafra. I thought we were supposed to be defending something called "self-determination" in Viet Nam and elsewhere. There was a big fuss over it as Versailles, and another on a ship off Newfoundland. Now, the present African borders are artificial lines drawn by the colonizers without regard to nationality, language, or anything else. Naturally it is impossible for these artificial states to endure. The Ibo nation has the same right to national self-determination as the Poles or the Czechs. (Or Vietnamese.)

Now John: "/the government/ can with equal ease fabricate a sinister menace of octopus men from Lower Centaurus..." Well, this may come as a surprise to you, but Communist parties really do exist, unlike (as far as we yet know) Centaurians. You see, there was this fellow named Ulyanov...

((This may come as a surprise to you, but Jewish nationalists really do exist...You see, there was this fellow named Green..." Or whatever anyone else's pet Sinister International Conspiracy is.))

As for Lodge being a "Screaming hawk", we know from your other pronouncements that "screaming hawk" is defined as anyone who does not agree 100% with the great Dr. B.

((We will achieve very sensational results within the year." - Lodge, 9 January 1967.

((All our programs in Vietnam are moving ahead." - Lodge, 26 April 1967.

((For further information on Lodge see Kipple #160 and GRAU-STARKs #176 and #178.))

Your statement on the possibility of superphotonic travel is cavalier. ((Which is odd, because all my people were Roundheads.)) Since present propulsion systems offer no possibility of it, anything such will, if and when, be based on presently unknown and un-

predictable principles. Hence, it is impossible to predict when it may or may not occur.

Knowing you, I wonder just how neutral those "neutral scientists" were ((who reported in 1952 that the U. S. had used germ warfare in Korea)). Probably their inquiry was on the lines of Russell's ~~sideshow~~ ineffably biased "trial" in Sweden. (If the government dared put on such a one-sided performance, you would instantly scream yourself into apoplexy.)

You have failed to establish Fyu Men Kan Chu's motivation! Why would a sinister Oriental mastermind want to work for peace. ((A sinister Russian mastermind did in 1914. Name of Rasputin.)) I dimly recall that they usually wanted to rearrange the balance of power, and that usually entails war.

...Ah, but was not Bulgakov's cat Asmodeus in feline disguise? We must bear that in mind.

((I've heard that some of Harry Manogg's cats have the same condition.))

You have a short memory. In a letter of 23 December, printed in WSPA Journal #63, and in GRAUSTARK #172, you equate "assassination" with "the right of revolution". Hence, according to you, assassination and revolution are identical. That is "where?"

((Not every assassination is a revolutionary act.))

Now, you have gone on record as forbidding anyone to distinguish between wars, and asserting that anybody who thinks one war is justified must approve of all wars indiscriminately, and that no intermediate position is possible. Since you seem to concur in my statement that war and "assassination" are basically the same, (I assume you are writing in English), than ((sic)) it must follow that someone who thinks one "assassination" is justified, as you do, must approve of all "assassinations" indiscriminately, including those of the Great God Kennedy, Jaures, and Eduardo Mondlane, and that there is no intermediate position possible. My, you have painted yourself into a corner this time, haven't you?

As for Mussolini: Don't you find it, at least, suggestive, that his "typical case of a justifiable tyrannicide" did not occur until after his government had been smashed by the Anglo-American (Imperialists!) war machine?

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